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SUMMARY: FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC) HAS AUTHORIZED INCREASE IN PRICE OF NUMBER OF OIL PRODUCTS AND HAS ADOPTED OTHER MEASURES TO SLOW DOWN OIL CONSUMPTION. END SUMMARY.

1. FEC AUTHORIZED PRICE INCREASES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2, 1974 OF 20 PARA PER KILOGRAM (APPROZIMATELY 12-18 PERCENT) FOR INDUSTRIAL FUEL OILS, JET FUEL GM-1, LIQUID GAS, KEROSENE; BITUMEN.

2. NO INCREASE IN PRICE CRUDE OIL, NATURAL GAS, MOTOR GASOLINGE, DIESEL FUEL OR HOUSEHOLD FUEL OIL.

3. OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION REPORTEDLY EFFECTIVE SPET. 1 INCLUDE LOWER SPEED LIMITS (50-90 KM PER HOUS DEPENDING ON VEHICLE TYPE), PROPOSAL TO INSTALL DEVICE ON VEHICLES TO REGULATE FUEL MIXTURE, REDUCTION IN DUPLICATION OF BUS SERVICES, UNCLASSIFIED

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REDUCTION SHORT TRIP AIRPLANE USE, URGING TRANSPORT AGENCIES TO

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REDUCE "EMPTY RIDES," PROHIBITION GASOLINE, AND FREEING FROM
CUSTOMS DUTIES IMPORTS OF EQUIPMENT WHICH ENABLE ECONOMIC
UTILIZATION OF OIL.

4. UNSPECIFIED MEASURES ALSO REPORTED ADOPTED OR UNDER
CONSIDERATION FOR PURPOSE OF STIMULATING MORE INTENSIVE UTILIZATION
DOMESTIC OIL RESOURCES, INCREASING GASIFICATION, AND MIX-
IMIZING UTILIZATION DOMESTIC REFINING AND TRANSPORTATION CAP-
ACITIES.

5. COMMENT: FEC ACTION IS FIRST CONCRETESTEP FOLLOWING VICE
CHAIRMAN SPEECH (REFTEL) TO SLOW DOWN DETERIORATION IN YUGOSLAV
BALANCE OF TRADE. SEFER ESTIMATED INCREASED PRICE FOREIGN OIL
WILL COST YUGOSLAVIA EXTRA $600 MILLION THIS YEAR. YUGOSLAVS
HAD FORECAST 4 PERCENT GROWTH IN CONSUMPTION OIL DERIVATIVE
IN FIRST 5 MONTH 1974 BUT ACTUAL GROWTH WAS 13 PERCENT (ONLY
1 PERCENT GROWTH IN MOTOR GASOLINE) OVER FIRST
FIVE MONTHS 1973. FEC MEASURES IN FULLY IMPLEMENTED
ESTIMATED TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION BY 20-30
PERCENT. OTHER PROPOSALS OF LONGER TERM NATURE ARE
REPORTED UNDER CONSIDERATION.
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